1-1 By: Hancock S.B. No. 475 (In the Senate - Filed January 25, 2019; February 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; 1-2 1-3 1-4 March 27, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 27, 2019, 1-6 sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE 1-7

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hancock	X	-		
1-10	Nichols	X			
1-11	Campbell	X			
1-12	Creighton	X			
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1-14	Paxton	X			
1-15	Schwertner	X			
1-16	Whitmire	X			
1-17	Zaffirini	Х			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 475

By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to an advisory body on the security of the electric grid. 1-22

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 39.917 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.917. TEXAS ELECTRIC GRID SECURITY COUNCIL. (a) The legislature finds that there is a public interest in mitigating the risk of cyber and physical attacks that may affect the reliability of electric systems operating in Texas. The Texas Electric Grid Security Council is established as an advisory body to facilitate the creation, aggregation, coordination, and dissemination of best security practices for the electric industry, including the generation, transmission, and delivery of

electricity. The Texas Electric Grid Security Council is composed of: (b) (1) the commissioner designated as presiding officer of the commission under Section 12.052 or a representative designated by the commissioner;

(2) the chief executive officer of the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region or a representative designated by the chief executive officer; and

(3) the governor or a representative designated by the governor.

The member of the council designated by Subsection (c)

(b) (1) shall serve as presiding officer.

The council shall convene at the call of the presiding (d) officer.

A member of the council is not entitled to compensation. (e) Members are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to the activities of the council as

provided by the General Appropriations Act.

(f) A member of the council may apply for a secret security clearance or an interim security clearance granted by the United States government. A member of the council may not access classified information or participate in a briefing or meeting involving classified information unless the member has a secret security clearance.

(g) The independent organization certified under Section 39.151 shall provide information and resources requested by the

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C.S.S.B. No. 475 In carrying out its functions, the council may consult 2-1 2-2 and coordinate with: the Texas Division of Emergency Management; 2-3 (1)the United States Department of Energy; the United States Department of Homeland Security; 2 - 4(2) 2-5 (4) 2-6 Corporation; (5) North American Electric Reliability 2-7 the Texas Reliability Entity; 2-8 2-9 (6) federal and state agencies; 2**-**10 2**-**11 members of the electric industry; and (8) grid security experts. 2-12 On a request by the governor, the lieutenant governor, (i) chair 2-13 of the house of representatives committee having jurisdiction over energy utility regulation, or the chair of the 2-14 2**-**15 2**-**16 committee having jurisdiction over energy utility senate regulation, the shall issue council to the requestor 2-17 recommendations regarding: 2-18 (1) the development of educational programs marketing materials to promote the development of a grid security 2-19 2**-**20 2**-**21 workforce; (2) the development of grid security best practices; 2-22 (3) preparation for events that threaten grid 2-23 security; and (4) 2-24 amendments to the state emergency management plan to ensure coordinated and adaptable response and recovery efforts after events that threaten grid security. 2-25 2-26 2-27 (j) The council may prepare a report outlining grid security 2-28 response efforts that do not involve classified or highly 2-29

sensitive, company-specific information. If the council prepares the report, the council shall deliver the report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and legislature on or before the December 1 immediately preceding a regular session of the legislature.

(k) The meetings of the council and information obtained or created by the council are not subject to the requirements of Chapter 551 or 552, Government Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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